

up, I know firsthand how invaluable this technology is. Advances in 3-D printing are creating unprecedented opportunities for entrepreneurs and manufacturers to develop new products and bring their ideas to life.

When I think of the long hours that my brother and I spent in the machine shop building parts for our first prototype, parts that could now be built quickly and easily with 3-D printing, it makes me envious of today's startups.

From biotechnology to food production to advanced manufacturing, 3-D printing is creating endless opportunities for innovation. Additionally, 3-D printing technology is a great teaching tool for students. There is nothing like the look of awe on students' faces as they watch a 3-D printer build something that they designed, something that started out as their idea that they can now hold in their hand. It is also a great way of teaching them the value of coordinate geometry.

So it is critical that we continue to develop this technology and recognize the importance in the modern economy and in inspiring the next generation to pursue careers in STEM and advanced manufacturing.

Again, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing December 3 as National 3-D Printing Day.

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#### RECOGNIZING TOM BERTRAND AS THE 2015 ILLINOIS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

(Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tom Bertrand as the 2015 Illinois Superintendent of the Year. For the last 13 years, Mr. Bertrand has served as superintendent of the Rochester Community Unit District in Rochester, Illinois. In his time with Rochester, he has served the school district as a teacher, coach, principal, and assistant superintendent before taking on his current role.

His dedication to the students and his many accomplishments in his time with the Rochester district make him a deserving recipient of this award. He has developed a nationally recognized anti-bullying program and has worked to improve the use of technology in the school district by both students and faculty.

I am proud to represent Mr. Bertrand and the Rochester school district. His commitment to his students is something to be recognized. I thank him for his service to the district and his dedication to public education.

Mr. Bertrand, congratulations on being named the 2015 Illinois Superintendent of the Year.

#### EXPANDING EDUCATION SUPPORT FOR VETERANS

(Ms. TITUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, as a country, we have a responsibility to help our veterans transition back from active military duty by giving them the tools they need to succeed in civilian life.

Sadly, far too many of the men and women who have sacrificed so much on our behalf return home to find they must struggle to get housing, secure employment, and provide for themselves and their families. We can and must do better. That is why I am proud to partner with my Republican colleague, DAVID MCKINLEY, to introduce legislation that honors our commitment by providing resources to help veterans pursue higher education and gain the skills and training they need to succeed in STEM careers.

The ability to analyze, communicate, and motivate—honed during their military training—makes veterans ideal candidates in the fields related to science, technology, math, and engineering. With growth in the STEM fields for jobs that are expected to outpace other professions in the next two decades, this legislation will help to meet the demands for the high-skilled workforce that we need to be competitive in the global economy.

So I would urge my colleagues to join Mr. MCKINLEY and me in upholding our promise to our Nation's heroes and support the GI Bill STEM Extension Act of 2014.

#### SUPPORTING ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, like many Americans, I am all too familiar with Alzheimer's, having lost my mom to complications from this dreadful disease nearly 4 years ago.

The Alzheimer's Association reports that over 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's, including nearly half a million in my home State of Florida.

Alzheimer's not only impacts seniors and their families, it is costing our Nation billions of dollars every year, with only a fraction of 1 percent of these costs spent on research toward better treatment options and potential cures. Our seniors, their loved ones, and their caregivers deserve better. American taxpayers deserve better.

Mr. Speaker, I urge everyone to go to alz.org and learn more about Alzheimer's and how new research can help make a big difference in improving the lives of patients, their families, and America's budget.

#### ISRAEL

(Mr. VEASEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today about my concern for the safety and security of Israel, the Middle East, and the U.S.

Negotiations for Iran to end its pursuit of a nuclear weapon were recently extended without assurances that Iran would slow or abandon this program. This delay tactic also allows Iran to escape many economic sanctions. This should be of grave concern to Americans who care about the regional security of the Middle East.

Mr. Speaker, I respect the administration's goals and intent during these negotiations, but I urge that we continue to utilize all methods of influence throughout negotiations. We must fully use diplomacy, legal sanctions, and economic pressure to move toward a peaceful and secure situation in this critically important region to the world and our country.

#### THE THREAT OF A NUCLEAR IRAN

(Mrs. HARTZLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express concern over the state of our negotiations with Iran and the threat of Iranian nuclear capability.

I am disappointed and extremely concerned with the extension of negotiations over Iran's nuclear program and the continued relaxing of economic sanctions against Tehran. Every day that we ease sanctions or fail to apply new ones is another day Iran races toward a nuclear weapons capability.

Iran currently has 10,000 operational centrifuges, each working hard toward a nuclear Iran. As the administration continues to cede ground in this area of negotiations, we must remember that Iran has threatened America and called for the total annihilation of our ally, Israel. The instability and unrest in this region would only be compounded should Iran achieve its goals.

Sanctions brought Iran to the negotiating table in the first place, and these sanctions must be strengthened to convince them to stop their treacherous quest for nuclear weapons. I believe Congress must put renewed pressure on Iran. The Senate needs to pass the Nuclear Weapon Free Iran Act before going home. We cannot allow Iran to hold the world hostage with nuclear weapons. Now is the time to act.

#### NAHASDA

(Ms. HANABUSA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, this body reauthorized the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, a true